All districts will be covered in a phased manner by 1996-97.

4. First referral units are being established for providing emergency obstetric care in selected high risk districts in a phased manner. A total of 219 districts will be covered during the period 1992-93 to 1996-97.

5. Social Safety Net — Additional funds are being provided to the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, West Bengal, Haryana, Gujarat and Kerala to upgrade facilities in selected primary health centres (30,000 population) in 90 identified districts with poor demographic profile. The extra facilities will include the provision of a properly equipped operation theatre and a labour room.

T. B. Patients in the Capital

242. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) what on an average is the annual rise in the T. B. patients in Delhi;

(b) what are the existing facilities in the T.B. Hospitals to treat the patients;

(c) what according to the assessment if any, made by the Government are the deficiencies in the T. B. Hospitals and the manner in which Government propose to remove them; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to check the spread of T. B. in the city?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No reliable estimate is available about the number of average annual rise in TB patients in Delhi.

(b) and (c) Anti TB drugs are supplied to diagonised TB patients free of cost, by domiciliary treatment. Seriously ill TB patients and those requiring surgical interventions are admitted to TB hospitals where TB beds are available. Government has provided funds to TB hospitals to increase the availability of diagonistic and treatment facilities and research.

(d) Under the National TB Control Programme free diagnosis and treatment facilities are provided through TB centres/TB clinics. BCG vaccination is given to infants of age group 0-1 year as a preventive measure under Universal Programme of Immunization, besides training of personnel engaged in the programme of Health Education to the People.

243 [*Transferred to 5th March, 1993*].

Japan aided equipment in Osmania General Hospital, Hyderabad

244. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted proposals for seeking Japan aided equipment to Quli Qutub Shah Diagnostic Centre, Osmania General Hospital, Hyderabad; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes. A proposal in this regard from the State Government posed in March, 1992 to the Japanese authorities. However, the proposal was not agreed to as it did not come within the framework of their equipment aid programme. The State Government thereafter sent a revised proposal which has since been posed to the Japanese authorities.